

Notes for PTAC - 2/6/2020

### **Bus purchase program**

The last couple of years we've had about 350 buses purchased thru the program. Over 6,000 since inception.

Really trying to emphasize with dealers and transportation directors and business managers the importance of using the program all the way thru so we have record of the purchase.

This year we went from two bid windows of Oct – Jan and March – July, to one window of October thru July.

Pricing increases were reasonable, I thought, for the most part with two dealers only increasing around 2% and a third closer to 7%.

Some reasoning was that Dec – Jan were tough months due to lack of board meetings to approve and being closed in March apparently could leave some of our districts disadvantaged in the manufacturing queue.

Looks like it may be a good thing for this year regarding the VW money, since the pricing in the program now will be good thru the process of reimbursement.

**MSBO website, [www.msbo.org](http://www.msbo.org)**, continues to include transportation resources under Support Services and then transportation. There are a variety of resources listed there. We also provide job descriptions for several positions. There are also performance evals, job descriptions to consider. We still have our Transportation Benchmarking Survey from a few years ago. Not sure if and when we do something again. Really need to gauge interest and relevancy.

**Transportation committee** meets every other month thru school year. Still a vibrant group with newer folks participating recently. Try to do something off site each year. Rousch, Detroit Diesel, GFS.

**Transportation Listserv** – used regularly – good information shared. The system archives the emails, so someone can go in and look for past information

### **MSBO Annual Conference April 21-23, 2020 at the Amway Grand –**

Transportation Preconference (Apr 21), transportation breakouts during each block of time, along with other general topics that could prove interesting to anyone in schools. Transportation topics: MIOSHA, managing transportation risks, checking driver compliance (Lori), Clearinghouse in the precon, school bus construction, electric bus, hot topics, leasing vs own. Other general info, as well.

**MSBO Leadership Institute** – 10-month leadership program with David Hulings. 2 transportation directors in current cohort. Most impactful program that I've ever experienced.